

Budget/Grant Committee Recommendations For Year 2 Renewal Applications May 20, 2011

Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona

Area of Focus: Advocacy

Requested Funds: \$45,000; Match: \$35,000

Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona is contracted for the Partners in Policymaking Program, a statewide advocacy and leadership program for parents of children with disabilities and for young adults who want to further themselves as self-advocates. Partners in Policy making is a nationally recognized program originally developed by the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. The program has been adapted to meet the unique challenges in Arizona. The program is an essential tool for affecting change around public policies relating to disability issues.

Year 2 funding will support the program staff, staff travel for recruitment, with an emphasis to recruit from outside of Pima County. Other program costs include meeting space, national speaker fees and their travel costs as well as the costs associated for the participants (lodging, per diem, travel, respite care). Indirect costs are also part of the budget.

Native American Disability Law Center

Area of Focus: Housing

Requested Funds: \$49,050; Match: \$5,450

The Native American Disability Law Center (NADLC) is contracted to improve the Navajo Housing Authority policies, procedures and application process to make their housing program and services easier to access. In addition, the NADLC by the end of the contract first contract year will develop a housing guide to educate individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and caregivers about Northern Arizona's affordable and accessible housing options, and the services and supports available to help people live independently in their own communities.

Year 2 funding will support the current progress being made by the NADLC in working with the Navajo Housing Authority to streamline the housing services and processes, and to assist individuals with developmental disabilities to access their services. In addition the Housing Guide that will be completed by the end of the first contract year and will be distributed to both Hopi and Navajo families. The third objective for the second year program is to do additional outreach to the Hopi Reservation, by conducting a needs assessment on housing, research Hopi housing programs and to lay the groundwork to work with the Hopi Tribe so that housing services and supports are available.

The costs associated with Year 2 will support staff, operating supplies, staff travel to various locations on the Navajo and Hopi reservation, cost of rental space, and the costs for a personal care attendant for a key staff member of the NADLC. Indirect costs are also part of the budget.

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University of Arizona, Sonoran UCEDD

Area of Focus: Housing

Requested Funds: \$61,369; Match: \$22,309

The Sonoran UCEDD was funded to develop, implement and evaluate the "AZ Community Living Now" education program on Arizona options for affordable and accessible housing. The objectives for the fist year contract have been completed: Creation of the project website, delivery of six educational trainings on housing related topics through the use of video-conference at five sites and the development of networks and collaboration through dissemination of the information.

Year 2 funding will enhance and expand the first year program by developing a user- friendly manual for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and support providers on topics that will assist them in designing a housing plan to meet their unique needs. The manual will focus on affordable and accessible housing, different housing options, legal concerns, and housing plan development that includes where to live and whom to live with. The housing manual will be available in hard copy (print in English/Spanish), and online through the existing "AZ Communities Living Now" website. The creation of the manual and web-based module will provide another mechanism for the disability community to access and share information. The manual will be field tested at a minimum of two rural sites before final publication and dissemination to ensure the manual is user friendly, clear and has helpful information. The sites have not been identified but the Sonoran UCEDD Community Advisory Board and ADDPC will be asked for suggestions.

The costs associated with Year 2 will support staff, printing of the manuals (500 copies), travel to communities, and Spanish translation of the manual, research/editing of the manual, and development of the on-line manual. Indirect costs are also part of the budget.

Best Buddies, AZ Chapter

Area of Focus: Advocacy

Requested Funds: \$70,937; Match: \$37,719.68

Grants Committee recommended no contract/zero funding for Year 2.